



# EPA to Investigate Additional Residential Properties

## Ringwood Mines/Landfill Site

Ringwood, New Jersey

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### Our Goal is to Keep You Informed

Public participation is essential to the success of the Superfund program and EPA. If you have any questions regarding EPA's cleanup activities at this site, please contact Joe Gowers, EPA Remedial Project Manager, at (212) 637-4413 or email at [gowers.joe@epa.gov](mailto:gowers.joe@epa.gov). You can also contact Patricia Seppi, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at (212) 637-3679 or email at [seppi.pat@epa.gov](mailto:seppi.pat@epa.gov). You can also call EPA toll-free at 1-877-494-1308.

### Regional Public Liaison

EPA, Region 2 has designated a Regional Public Liaison for you to call and express your concerns or complaints about the Superfund program. Please call (888) 283-7626.

### Information Repository

Copies of other site-related plans are available for your review at the Ringwood Public Library at the following address:

Ringwood Public Library  
30 Cannici Drive  
Ringwood, New Jersey 07456

For information on the Superfund process, please visit EPA's website at:

**[www.epa.gov/superfund](http://www.epa.gov/superfund)**

Information on the various tools and resources available to community groups, as well as fact sheets about other sites, can be found there.

As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) plan to locate and clean up industrial waste at the Ringwood Mines/Landfill site, the Agency intends to investigate residential properties near the site for the presence of site-related contamination. In October 2004, EPA released to the public a draft plan for performing an initial investigation on 15 residential properties near the site. EPA believes that industrial waste could be present on these 15 properties, as they were developed during or after the time of Ford Motor Company's waste disposal. In meetings held on November 4<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004, EPA discussed the details of this draft plan with the Ringwood community.

**Given the public concern that industrial waste may have been disposed of on other residential properties near the site, EPA is proposing to expand its initial investigation.** The expanded investigation will provide for digging trenches on approximately 48 residential properties near the site to determine whether paint sludge or other industrial waste was disposed of on these properties. Where appropriate, samples will be collected of any identified industrial waste, as well as soil beneath the waste. With this approach, EPA will be able to determine whether significant soil contamination associated with the industrial waste remains on the properties. All properties will be restored to a condition similar to which they were found after the investigation. **This investigation will only be conducted on properties to which EPA has been granted access in writing.** The details of the initial investigation can be found in the revised Residential Work Plan, which is being provided along with this fact sheet.

Please note that EPA tentatively scheduled a meeting with representatives of the community for Thursday, March 24, 2005, to discuss ongoing cleanup activities at the site and the revised Residential Work Plan. However, the meeting was postponed at the request of the residents' legal representatives. EPA plans to reschedule this meeting during April 2005.